

This Prayer Calendar is provided to encourage us to pray for one another within the fellowship of Affinity.

Information is provided each month by our Partners, Associates and Churches. If you wish information for prayer to be included in the Prayer Calendar please send it to us at least 10 days before the end of the month in which you would like it to appear.

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- 1** **True Freedom Trust** give thanks to God for two new team members, Harry and Simon, who began working in December. Simon is now the team's technical expert and develops/maintains the back-office systems, while Harry is a designer, creating and managing both printed and online digital media. Pray for them as they continue to settle into their new roles, and give thanks for the spirit of unity already shared within the team.
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- 2** **Time for Change Ministries** ask prayer for the men on the Christianity Explored course in HMP Cardiff at the moment. Pray that they would understand and apply what they are hearing. Please also pray for the leaders, Gillian, David and Stuart, that they would be wise, sensitive and discerning.
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- 3** Please pray for specifically for **The Good Book Company** and Christianity Explored as they launch a book called *Finding More*, a book of testimonies of people who have become Christians. Pray that many Christians will buy it, read it and give it away to their unbelieving friends and that they will be compelled to investigate the claims of Jesus and be saved.
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- 4** **ReachAcross** are looking for two new trustees – a treasurer and an individual with experience in charity law and business. Pray that the Lord would lead them to the right people to be able to fulfil these important roles.
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- 5** Please pray for **Grace Baptist Partnership** leader Barry King as he travels and ministers in the United States of America during this month.
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- 6** **Edward Connor Solicitors** praise God for their expanding team of charity specialist solicitors. Pray for wisdom as they seek to help churches and Christian organisations comply with charity law and as they strive to provide excellent Christ-centred legal advice. Pray for the team, that they would work together well for God's glory and that new members would settle in quickly to their roles.
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- 7** Today **OSCAR** is interviewing prospective candidates for the position of Office Administrator. This is a crucial appointment to keep their services running smoothly so pray that the Lord would provide the right person for the job.
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- 8** Pray for **Christian Safeguarding Services'** forthcoming "Safe and Sound" events giving opportunities for church leaders to have a thorough overview around safeguarding compliance and culture in today's society. This will also introduce the CSS audit tool, helping church leaders to think through all areas of safeguarding within a church context covering both children and adults.
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- 9** Please pray for the church members and elders at **Iden Green Congregational Church**, together with their prospective pastoral candidate, that they will all be of one mind with the Lord for their future.
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- 10** Give thanks for the **UFM** European Conference which is planned for next month. Please pray for times of encouragement and refreshment for the missionaries attending and for Richard Underwood as he prepares to speak on the life of Elijah.
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Over 3000 years ago God called a nomad promising to bless all peoples through him (Gen 12). Currently there are 30-40 million nomads; many in Europe, Asia and Africa are Muslim. They often live in marginally productive land, are monetarily poor, looked on with suspicion by governments and the majority settled population. The church, composed mainly of people who live a settled existence, struggle to engage with them. **Frontiers** asks us to pray more will go. Further information: www.frontiers.org.uk/latest/pray-now.php

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Pray for the Trust Board of the **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches** (EFCC) as they meet today, for wisdom and unity of mind and purpose in all their decisions.

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Pray for **Church Society's** Fellowship of Word and Spirit conference (18-20 Feb) on the theme of 'Live the Word', for clear, bold talks and an edifying time for all. Revd Dr Tim Ward and Revd Dick Farr are the main speakers. The conference will seek to encourage and equip for confidence to live God's Word, revisiting and renewing dependence on its truth and authority in its application to the whole of life. Further details: http://churchsociety.org/blog/entry/live_the_word/

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London Seminary ask us to pray for their open days over the next couple of months, that potential students would attend, and apply to study there.

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Today is the beginning of **Ealing International Presbyterian Church's** 'weekend at home' with visiting speaker Ian Hamilton. Pray for good ministry and growing ties of love and fellowship among all who attend.

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Gospel for Asia ask us to pray for their disaster relief. Whether it be flooding, earthquakes or other forms of disaster, GFA-supported workers are among the first to respond by providing food, clothing, clean water, temporary shelter and prayer. This month, lift up those who brave the harshest of catastrophes to minister to affected communities. Rubble from earthquakes, floodwaters yet to recede and other hazards pose great risks for those seeking to help. Pray for their safety and the safety of other first responders.

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Rift Valley Academy is a Christian boarding school established by **Africa Inland Mission** in central Kenya, with over a hundred years of rich history. It serves about 500 missionary children representing 30 nationalities and 80 mission organisations and churches. Pray for its ministry supporting current mission work, while investing in the next generation of missionaries and gospel-bearers.

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Pray for **Barnabas Fund's** on-going work assisting victims of the September 2018 tsunami in Sulawesi, Indonesia. Christians were impacted in large numbers and the initial emergency relief aid has now largely moved on to reconstruction. Pray particularly for Barnabas local partners as they seek to repair and rebuild homes, churches and other buildings.

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The management committee of **Evangelical Housing Association** is due to meet today. Please pray for wisdom and the Lord's guidance for all the discussion and in decision making.

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Pray for **AECW** church Hebron, Dowlais, near Merthyr Tydfil, as they reach out to their community through parenting classes and English classes. Pray for good contacts to be made and for their pastor James Allan as he follows them up.

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Blenheim Free Church (FIEC), Maidenhead, thank God for the unity and love that exists in the eldership team and the church. As they consider changes to their Sunday morning services this month please pray that the spirit of unity will be maintained.

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Pray for **Union School of Theology's** Open Day tomorrow at the Bryntirion campus, that many prospective students will come along and be encouraged to sign up for courses that will encourage and equip them for future ministry and service.

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Christian Concern ask prayer for the continued promotion of their recent Wilberforce Publications – particularly Clifford Hill's *The Reshaping of Britain*, that it would have a great and positive impact on Church culture.[<https://www.wilberforcepublications.co.uk/project/the-reshaping-of-britain/>]

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Cuckfield Baptist Church ask for prayer that the five people who are in the process of doing Christianity Explored would all come to faith in Christ.

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Daylight Christian Prison Trust give thanks for prisoners attending Bible studies who are asking good questions and want to learn more from the Bible. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will work in their hearts, bringing them to trust in the Saviour.

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Please pray for those seeking membership at **Peterhead Congregational Church**, giving thanks that they have sought the Lord's will in this step. Give thanks for new Christians seeking baptism and pray that as they continue to witness to the community that the Lord will be seen in many lives.

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The induction took place earlier this month of Rev. Iain Macleod to Ferintosh and Resolis **Free Church of Scotland**. Please pray for Mr Macleod and his wife Dina as he settles into his new position.

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Bookings open next week for this summer's **Evangelical Movement of Wales** Aberystwyth Conference. Pray for the many hundreds who will come, and for all the practical preparations which will be required over the coming weeks to make this another wonderful time for God's people.

If you would like more information about the Affinity Partners and Associates mentioned in the Prayer Calendar, you will find their website addresses on the Affinity website – www.affinity.org.uk.

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